

REMARKS

Claims 17-31 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 21, 23, 28, 29, and 30 are rewritten in independent form, claims 17, 19, 20, and 24 are amended to depend from claim 21, claim 20 is amended to positively recite “a vertical guide rail,” and claim 16 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claims 21-23 and 28-31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has accordingly rewritten claims 21-23 and 28-31 in independent form, and has also amended claims 17, 19, 20, and 24 to depend from claim 21. Claim 20 also has been amended to address the rejection under section 112 (discussed below). Accordingly, it is now believed that claims 17-31 are allowable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

On page 2 of the office Action, claim 20 was rejected on the basis that there was insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “a vertical guide rail” recited therein. It is respectfully submitted

that this rejection is overcome by the amendment of claim 20 to positively recite “a vertical guide rail” prior to recitation that “the rail is slidable along the vertical guide rail.”

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 16-20 were rejected under section 103 as being unpatentable over Arai in view of Peltier; and claims 24-27 were rejected under section 103 as being unpatentable over Arai and Peltier, further in view of Sorensen. These rejections are overcome by the cancellation of claim 16, the rewriting of claim 21 in independent form, and the amendment of claims 17, 19, 20, and 24 to depend from claim 21.


Conclusion

All rejections have been complied with, properly traversed, or rendered moot. Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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